



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on December 15, 2010, at the Cross State Office Building, ATM Room 103, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair James Banks, Sr.; James Carignan; Marilyn Temple Tardy; Nancy Perkins; Lynda Doyle; Dorothy Martin; Jana Lapoint; Martha Harris; Andrea Levinsky and Angela Bechard. Vice Chair, Steven Pound by telephone

Also present were: Commissioner Angela Faherty; Wanda Monthey, Policy Director of Standards, Assessment and Regional Services; Harry Osgood, Higher Education Specialist; and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair James Banks, Sr., called the meeting to order at 1:19 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED by James Carignan, seconded by Marilyn Tardy, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the October 13, 2010 and November 10, 2010 minutes as written.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT/DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Jim Rier:

- That the Commissioner's Recommended Funding Level will not be ready to present to the Board until the January 13, 2011 meeting. Jim distributed a copy of the January 2010 Recommended Funding Level as an example for Board members to be familiar with what they will receive at the January 13, 2011 Board meeting. Jim reviewed with the Board the funding level process and what the Board's role is by statute.
- That he met with the transition team regarding the supplemental budget for FY 2012 and FY 2013.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chair, James Banks, Sr.:

- That the Board has been invited to attend the Educator Effectiveness Conference at the University of Southern Maine Portland Campus on Wednesday, January 12, 2011. The Board's regular monthly meeting is on January 12, 2011, therefore, by the end of today's meeting, the Board will confirm a date for the next meeting, being either January 13, 2011

or January 19, 2011 Mary will forward to the Board all information regarding the Educator Effectiveness conference on January 12, 2011.

- That he met with Harry Osgood regarding the membership of a Stakeholders Group to Conduct a Comprehensive Review of Chapter 114, Purpose, Standards and Procedures for the Review and Approval of Preparation Programs for Education Personnel. A membership list for approval will come before the Board in January. Jim has asked three State Board Members to serve on the Chapter 114 Stakeholders Group and Nancy Perkins, Jana Lapoint and Dr. Dottie Martin have agreed to participate in the group. Invitation Letters will be mailed this week to all individuals who agreed to participate.
- That he is distributing a 2011 calendar of all Board meetings, Committee meetings, State holidays, and State shut down days.
- That in Steve's absence, he is distributing the State Board monthly expenditures report from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services (DAFS) and reviewed edits to be made.
- That he is distributing a copy of proposed draft bills for the First Regular Session of the 125th Maine Legislature. Mary will email a link to Board members on where to locate each of the bills on line.
- That he met with Mark Kostin of the New England Secondary School Consortium regarding the Reciprocity Agreements for Teacher Licensure in New England. This language, he will refer to the Certification Committee for review. At Nancy's request, Jim will forward the copy to Mary for Monday's Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting.
- That the Maine Futures Institute has invited the Board to a conference at the University of Maine at Farmington on January 21, 2011. This is a forum to create, develop and support networks of individuals who are committed to helping high school aged youth raise their aspirations, navigate the new labor market landscape and ultimately make better informed career decisions.
- That the NASBE Study Group and Committee meetings for 2011 will be attended as follows: Nancy Perkins - Study Group "Preparation, Evaluation, Continuation, & Compensation, A State Policy Agenda to Enhance the Teaching Profession" (*meets three times - January 21-22, March 29-30, and June 10-11*); Martha Harris - Study Group "Public Education Positions Committee" (*meets once on June 9-10*); Lynda Doyle – Nominations Committee (*meets once in June*); Jim Banks – Legislative Conference (*meets once in March*); Steve Pound – Board of Directors (All cost paid by NASBE).
- That he attended and spoke at the Teacher of the Year Banquet in South Portland on November 10, 2010.
- That he will not be available to attend the Maine Coalition for Excellence in Education's Annual Leadership Luncheon being held in Freeport on Friday, November 17, 2011. This event is to honor the tremendous commitment and contribution our educators extend to Maine's students. If any Board members are able to attend, it is worth going to.
- That he received a call from Peter Geiger and John Butera (member of transition team) regarding the interview process of a new Commissioner, and has been assured that he will be a part of the process.

Vice Chair, Steven Pound

- That he has spoken with Brenda at the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) and the Board can add funds to the NASBE Professional Development Account.
- That he attended the Associated Builders and Contractors 11th Annual Craft Championship Event at the Augusta Civic Center on November 19, 2010. Over 1,000 students from Career and Technical Education attended this event. Jim Morse, Superintendent of

Schools in the Portland District was the speaker, and he highlighted the value of Career and Technical Education in Maine.

- That he co-chairs the Mobilize Maine Leadership Education Sector Committee. The group met again in Bangor and invited Northern Mobilize Maine to join them. Many of these organizations and associations are looking at assets in their area which includes training and education to drive the assets they have in order to meet the needs of students and adult learners. The group will be gathering again in the Bangor area for conversations on using dollars most effectively to help every student in Maine.
- That the Maine Manufacturing Association has established an education committee and they are also looking at needs and assets.
- The Maine Jobs Council is looking at sector strategies, which takes in health care, education, construction and other areas.
- That the Maine Development Foundation held a Legislative Session with new and returning legislators on how to engage the adult learner and to be sure we are preparing students in high school to go on to college, and be career and citizenship ready. There were 150 people in attendance.
- That he attended the Eastern Maine Community College Legislative Business Event. Four Students spoke of how they made their way to the Community College. There were amazing stories and accomplishments.
- That he attended the Local Workforce Development Investment Board meeting. The highlight of the meeting initiatives was to help people with disabilities in training and the workforce.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE UPDATE – Marilyn Tardy:

- The Construction Committee did not meet in December. The application review process for the current rating cycle is almost complete.

CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE UPDATE - Nancy Perkins:

- The Certification and Higher Education Committee met on Monday, November 22, 2010. Bette Manchester and John Newlin did a presentation on Integration of Technology. As the committee works towards all the changes that are coming, we will keep the Board informed. The next committee meeting is on December 20, 2010.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE – Steve Pound:

- The Career and Technical Education Committee met on November 29, 2010. Donna Tiner and Jean Mattimore attended and presented information on Career and Technical Education at the Community College. Has asked that they do a presentation for the entire Board. The committee's next meeting will be in January to review the Perkins Quarterly Report.

Note: Marilyn Tardy left the meeting at 2:20 PM.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Marilyn Temple Tardy:

- No Report

James Carignan:

- No Report

Nancy Perkins:

- No Report

Lynda Doyle:

- That she attended the Teacher of the Year Banquet in South Portland on November 10, 2011.
- That she attended a Review Team as a Board Observer for the Degree-Granting Authorization for The New England School of Communications to Award the Bachelor of Science in Entertainment Production.

Dorothy Martin:

- That she participated on a Review Team as a Board Observer for the Degree-Granting Authorization for The New England School of Communications to Award the Bachelor of Science in Entertainment Production. It was a very rewarding experience.
- That she attended an event at Northern Maine Community College where recognition was given to non traditional students that have had an opportunity to go back to college.

Martha Harris:

- That she will be attending the Bowdoin College Team Review in February.
- That she was away on vacation the month of November to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. When in Wellington, Martha went to the Ministry of Education and picked up several items of interest. She has articles from various newspapers of all three places she visited. She would be willing to share the information if anyone is interested.
- That she attended the Maine School Management Association's (MSMA) Conference in October.
- That she attended a meeting in her local community regarding what will happen to the old Hampden Academy.
- That she attended the ceremony of the "last steel beam" at the new Hampden Academy.

Jana Lapoint:

- No Report

Andrea Levinsky:

- That she participated in a NASBE student conference call on November 21, 2010 and will be participating in another NASBE conference call in January 2011. The student group talked about how students are involved in different States. In some States, students miss school days. States have student advisory commissions and the students miss up to three days of school a week. In some States, student Board members serve a term of only three months.
- That she was accepted to Connecticut College, Early Decision.

Angela Bechard:

- No Report

CONSENT AGENDA:

RECEIPT OF THE REVIEW TEAM REPORT CONCERNING THE TEACHER
CERTIFICATION PROGRAM OFFERED BY BATES COLLEGE

MOVED by Dorothy Martin, seconded by Lynda Doyle, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the Consent Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ADOPTION OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED BY-LAWS

MOVED by James Carignan, seconded by Nancy Perkins, and unanimously voted by those present to adopt the amended By-Laws as presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

REQUEST FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT PRESQUE ISLE FOR EXTENSION OF
CURRENT STATE PROGRAM APPROVAL OF ITS EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS
THROUGH EARLY WINTER 2012

Background: A program approval visit to the University of Maine at Presque Isle was scheduled to be conducted in mid-to-late-February, 2011 for the purpose of reviewing its educator preparation programs. On November 29, 2010, Dr. Donald Zillman, President, and Dr. Michael Sauntau, Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Maine at Presque Isle (UMPI) were informed by Dr. Reginald Nnazor, Chair of the UMPI Department of Education, that he had applied for, was offered and has accepted a position as Dean of the College of Education at North Central Ohio University. Dr. Nnazor will assume his new position by mid-December 2010.

Given the uncertainties that Dr. Nnazor's departure represents, Drs. Zillman and Sauntau are requesting that UMPI's current State program approval be extended to early-winter of 2012 and that the next State program approval visit be scheduled for February or March 2012.

Chapter 114, Part 3.11, *Action by the State Board of Education*, subsection e) reads as follows:

Requests for extensions for existing approval, due to extraordinary circumstances, may be granted at the discretion of the State Board of Education; however, such extensions shall not extend the date when the subsequent approval is due. The Board will only consider such requests in emergency situations.

Recommendation: That the State Board of Education act favorably upon the request from the University of Maine at Presque Isle to extend current State program approval for its educator preparation programs through early winter of 2012 and that the program approval visit be scheduled for February or March 2012. It is understood that, with a grant of this extension, the University will be limited to a maximum of four years of State program approval, instead of five years, following the 2012 Review Team visit.

MOVED by Martha Harris, seconded by James Carignan, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the request from the University of Maine at Presque Isle to extend current State program approval for its educator preparation programs through early winter of 2012 and that the program approval visit be scheduled for February or March 2012. It is understood that, with a grant of this extension, the University will be limited to a maximum of four years of State program approval, instead of five years, following the 2012 Review Team visit.

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HARRY OSGOOD - UPDATE:

Bowdoin College Review – Martha will serve as the Board Observer in February.

Unity College Review – Will need a Board Observer.

University of New England – Will need a Board Observer for the College of Dental Medicine

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Strategic Plan Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 16, 2011 at 11:00 AM.

Submit Expense Account Vouchers to Mary at the end of the meeting.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be on Thursday, January 13, 2011

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Public Comment

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Jim Carignan, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the December 15, 2010, State Board of Education meeting at 3:03 PM.